

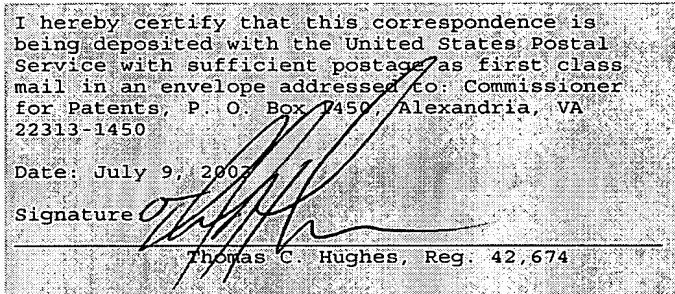


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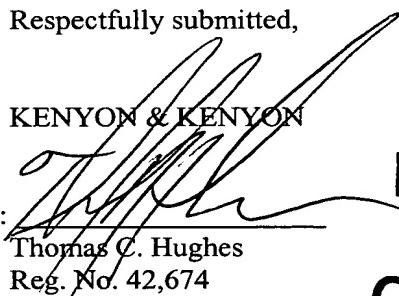
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4 to 6 without prejudice as follows:

4. (Amended) A drive bearing for printing machines for coupling a rotating tool to a drive shaft of a servomotor, the drive bearing comprising:

an element located at an interface between the rotating tool and the drive shaft on a tool axis,

the element having an axially projecting coupling cone that engages a counter recess of the drive shaft, the cone being releasably held in the recess by frictional engagement,

wherein an angular position of the element is adjustable, and wherein the element is centered and configured to be secured to prevent rotation.